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SUBJ: PASSENGER TARIFFS VENEZUELA-US

1. AMBASSADOR MARINO TIRADO, CHIEF TRANSPORT DIVISION, FOREIGN MINISTRY, CALLED TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN ABOUT A SITUATION DEVELOPING IN RELATION TO PASSENGER TARIFFS. APPARENTLY, VIASA RECENTLY FILED WITH CAB NEW RATES BASED ON IATA GUIDELINES. THE VIASA PROPOSALS REPORTEDLY WERE NOT ACCEPTED BY CAB. ACCORDING TO TIRADO, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THIS HAS HAPPENED. FURTHER, HE HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THE REJECTION AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION VI(F) OF THE ANNEX TO THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT

2. TIRADO ADMITS BEING SOMEWHAT CONFUSED AS TO THE INTERPRETATION OF SECTION VI OF THE ANNEX TO THE AGREEMENT ON AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES BETWEEN THE US AND VENEZUELA. THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION REALLY HAVE NEVER BEEN COMPLIED WITH, ACCORDING TO TIRADO, AND HE ADMITS THAT HE HAS DISREGARDED SOME PROVISIONS OF SECTION VI, FEELING THAT IATA MECHANISMS HAVE BEEN WELL ESTABLISHED AND THUS NO INTERVENTION BY THE RESPECTIVE GOVTS SEEMED TO BE REQUIRED.

3. IN VIEW OF THE PRESENTLY PREVAILING EXCELLENT CIVAIR RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO GOVTS. TIRADO WISHES TO AVOID ANY
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FRICION OR PROBLEM AREAS. HE WOULD APPRECIATE CAB'S VIEWS AS TO ITS INTERPRETATION OF THE CONTENTS OF SECTION VI; CAB'S PROBLEMS WITH THE RATES FILED BY VIASA, AND ANY COMMENT STATE OR CAB MIGHT WISH TO MAKE REGARDING A POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM TIRADO IS WILLING TO INVOKE THE CONSULTATION CLAUSE IF SO DESIRED, OR WOULD ALSO DISCUSS THE MATTER IN A COMPLETELY INFORMAL MANNER WITH USG DELEGATES, POSSIBLY AT THE NEXT

IATA MEETING AT MONTREAL. TIRADO EMPHASIZED THAT HE DOES
NOT WISH TO MAKE AN ISSUE OUT OF THIS POTENTIAL PROBLEM
AREA BUT WOULD APPRECIATE USG COOPERATION IN SOLVING A PROBLEM
BEFORE IT BECOMES MORE SERIOUS.
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